

Crowded Lake Spooky Bass

Newcomers Jim Chodack and Don Capanear Take Castoff Classic

A record field of 14 boats took to Picatinny Lake on a sunny but blustery Easter Saturday morning. After the first couple hours of the 2012 Castoff Classic most of the bass in Picatinny Lake had already seen an offering or two or lures pass by. So it wasn't a surprise on this early spring day that started in the 30s, that the largemouth population was more than a little finicky. First time Picatinny Anglers Jim Chodack and Don Capanear didn't take long to figure out the lake. They found 4 of Picatinny's finer fish to put together a 10 ½ pound bag which was more than enough to hold off the other 13 boats that morning. Jim anchored their creel with a near 4-pounder that took a spinner bait and held up for tourney lunger. Their other fish were caught on creature baits pitched in the middle of the lake.

Team Here Fishy Fishy (AKA Vance and Brian Chase) again proved their prowess for springtime fishing by landing 5 bass weighing almost 7 pounds on plastic grubs in the middle of the lake, good for second place. And Team Geiss rounded out the leaderboard in third place with 3 bass weighing nearly 5 pounds that took their offerings of jigs and superflukes. And finally Cody Wabiszewski wanted everyone to know they found a bass willing to hit their *soft plastic* bait.

The next tourney will be offsite at Swartswood Lake just outside of Newton, NJ on Saturday 5 May. This will be a paper tourney during the catch and release season. Each boat will need a golden rule or equivalent. Anyone can fish, as long as one of the team members is a regular on the PR&GA tourney trail.

Picatinny Rod & Gun Assoc.
Castoff Classic
When: Saturday 7 Apr 2012, 0800-1400 hrs
Where: Lake Picatinny

RESULTS

	<u># Bass</u>	<u>Total Weight</u>	<u>Big Bass</u>	<u>Points</u>
1. Jim Chodack & Don Capanear	4	10.58 lbs	3.86 lbs	19 17
2. Vance Chase & Brian Chase	5	6.96	2.14	15 15
3. Don Geiss Jr. Don Geiss Sr.	3	4.96		13 13
4. Tom Hartigan & Rich Swanson	3	4.83		11 11
5. Sal Longo & Joe Longo	3	3.74		10 10
6. Cody Wabiszewski Ryan Ordemann	1	3.29	3.29	9 9
7. Greg Mitchell & Matt Burke	3	3.22		8 8
8. Click Schreck & Mark Keck	2	2.97	2.23	7 7
9. Rocky Ruiz & Ian Jones	1	2.81	2.81	6 6
14. Fred Coppola & Dexter Gabbard	-	--	--	1 1
14. Frank Costanzo & Todd Rielly	-	--	--	1 1
14. Vince Morris & Justin Giuliani	-	--	--	1 1
14. Dan Murray & Aidan Murray	-	--	--	1 1
14. Mike Stack & Craig Cugini	-	--	--	1 1

Lunker Bass – Jim Chodack, 3.86 pound Largemouth